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Palghat Licensee Company and as they had to comply with the requirements of the Acquisition Act of 1954 according to which the rough estimate had to be declared on or before 31st July 1955.

Appointment of District Munsifs

* 2544 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many District Munsifs were selected by the High Court without reference to the Public Service Commission and appointed in 1952–53;

(*b*) how many of these appointments were later approved by the Public Service Commission and the appointments regularized;

(*c*) how many of these whose appointments were not approved by the Commission are still in service;

(*d*) how many candidates were selected by the Public Service Commission in 1954 for appointment as District Munsifs; and

(*e*) how many of them have been so far appointed and how many are still to be appointed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Fifty-nine candidates were selected in 1952–53 and their temporary appointments were ordered by the Government under the emergency provisions without reference to the Madras Public Service Commission. Of them, only 49 acted as District Munsifs during 1952–53.

(*b*) The concurrence of the Public Service Commission for the continuance of these appointments beyond three months was obtained. Barring twenty-three temporary District Munsifs who were transferred to the Andhra State, the rest appeared for the regular selection of District Munsifs held in 1954 by the Madras Public Service Commission and on its recommendation twenty-one have been selected.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) Fifty candidates were selected by the Public Service Commission in 1954 for appointment as District Munsifs, of whom twenty-seven were by direct recruitment and twenty-three by transfer.

(*e*) One of the twenty-three candidates selected by recruitment by transfer was subject to relaxation of certain Service Rules which the Government did not agree to. The remaining twenty-two and all the direct recruits have been appointed by the Government to act temporarily as District Munsifs. Their posting orders are issued by the High Court with reference to the rules on the subject.

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Is it a fact that no candidate from the Coimbatore and Salem districts has been selected?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have district-war figures. But selection is not made on a territorial basis.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : In this selection made either by the High Court or by the Madras Public Service Commission, may I know whether communal representation according to the Communal Government Order is observed, or whether any preferential treatment is given to the backward and Harijan communities?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is reservation for backward classes, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know whether any percentage is fixed for direct recruitment and for recruitment by promotion?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think the rules prescribe any percentage. But we go by an understanding as to what percentage should be filled by direct recruitment and by what percentage by promotion. I think at present it is 60 per cent for direct recruitment and 40 per cent for promotion.

Malabar District Livestock Farm

* 2545 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to acquire the pockets within the Malabar District Livestock Farm, Thiruvazhamkunnu; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage it is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The question of acquiring certain pockets of private lands within the boundary of Livestock Farm, Thiruvazhamkunnu, Malabar district, is under consideration of the Government.

Sathiamoorthi Nagar at Avadi

* 2546 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the amount if any spent by the Government in connection with the establishment of Sathiamoorthi Nagar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The total expenditure incurred by the Government in connection with the establishment of Sathiamoorthi Nagar is Rs. 4·8 lakhs. Out of this a sum of Rs. 3·4 lakhs represents the grant given by the Government to the Corporation of Madras for the improvement of a bridge and three roads and an expenditure of about Rs. 8,000 incurred on the formation and metalling of the road parallel to Madras-Tiruvallur road. The improvements to the bridge and the roads